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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Subject: NSC 50 at the Forthcoming IAC Meeting on 22 July

Reference: Circular Memo of 7 July from Executive Secretary
to NSC IAC

The following items in NSC 50 were referred to DCI and the IAC for information and appropriate implementation so should be discussed at the IAC Meeting scheduled for 22 July.

You may care to use this as an "Aide Memoire" at that meeting, to mention the specific points listed in the Souers' Circular Memo on NSC 50. Item (4) in the second section "political summaries" is the ever-present hot potato. ICAPS has negligible information on (6) and (8) in the second section.

The Standing Committee did not wish to meet before the IAC Meeting to discuss the points mentioned in Mr. Souers' Circular Memo.

1. COORDINATION (#2 on pages 2 and 3 of NSC 50)

A statement of principles to be followed by the DCI and IAC:

"The responsibility of CIA with respect to coordination of intelligence activities has not been fully discharged."

"The IAC is soundly conceived as an advisory body, but should, under the forthright initiative and leadership of the Director of Central Intelligence, participate more actively in the continuing coordination of intelligence activities and in the discussion and approval of intelligence estimates."

CIA's Position:

We have endeavored to coordinate by mutual agreement which is recognized in the Dulles Report as the most effective method.

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We believe that "discussion by the IAC" does not mean the IAC members themselves, but rather their offices. There is such discussion nowadays among interdepartmental working groups and also on higher levels in the form of concurrences and nonconcurrences. Dissents are included in coordinated intelligence estimates.

Have you any comments on this subject?

2. QUESTIONS REQUIRING ATTENTION (#4 on pages 4 - 7 of NSC 50)

Progress Report to NSC within 6 months.

(1) Scientific Intelligence. CIA's new Office of Scientific Intelligence is operating. An interdepartmental agreement is, we hope, in the final stages of completion after some months of discussion; and we hope subcommittees can broaden the scientific intelligence coverage.

Any comments?

(2) Domestic Intelligence and counterintelligence insofar as they relate to the National Security. There should be improvement under NSC 17/4 and by having the FBI a member of the IAC.

Any comments?

(3) Provisions for prompt coordinated intelligence estimates in crisis situations. The members of the IAC have already agreed to expedite this matter among themselves and the CIA.

Any comments?

(4) The proper allocation of responsibility for political summaries. Tell the IAC: "I should like to have your comments on that item." ?? Do you want to mention CIA's position on the requests for IM's, etc. ???

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(6) Coordination of covert intelligence activities in occupied areas. OSO has been working on this problem.

Any comments?

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new NSC proposal

Any comments?

(8) Increased emphasis on the counter-espionage activities abroad of the CIA and closer liaison for counter-espionage matters with the FBI. This is being attended to.

Any comments?

3. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES (#5 on pages 7 and 8 of NSC 50)

Statement of principles to be observed by DCI and IAC.

CIA believes that this does not call upon the IAC Members themselves to discuss each estimate, but that this discussion should take place between CIA and the IAC agencies and that this procedure with the concurrent publication of dissents permits the DCI and IAC to fulfill their respective responsibilities.

Any comments?

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